

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY JUNE 12, 2023  
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday June 12, 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 asked Brother Jason (Bucky) Walters to pray followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the May 8, 2023 regular meeting. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Waddell 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 Skaggs seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**DETENTION CENTER REPORT:** Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Prescription Co-pay \$436.41; Nurse Visits \$157.99; HB 452 \$317.76; HB 556 (2 checks) \$220.00; State Inmate Housing \$90,435.06; Social Security \$200.00; Clinton County Inmate Housing \$2,658.60; Booking Fees \$1,213.95; Vending Commission \$21.45; Phone Commission \$4,081.55; Cost Pool Refund \$5,633.27; Dividend \$486.67; Reimbursement \$486.67; Per Diem \$1,700.32; Interest \$37.47; The expenses were \$147,499.24 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$39,421.91). The average inmates for the month were 121. There was 98 hours overtime. As of today, there are 74 state inmates, 2 from Clinton County and 39 from Russell County for a total of 115 inmates. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Garner seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of May. He stated there were 416 calls for service; 30 arrests; 10 Domestic; 15 1045's; 7 1046's; 63 Officer Requests; 9 EMS assists; 12 mental health transports; 56 court paper served; 2,457 court security transport miles; and 58 vehicle inspections; 36 CCDW issued. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**RC SHERIFF 2022 FINAL TAX SETTLEMENT:** Sheriff Polston presented his 2022 final tax settlement to the court for review. He stated he was happy to say the final settlement balanced with just a few cents give or take and complimented his staff on doing such a great job. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the final tax settlement with Magistrate Richardson seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**PAULA GLOVER/BARRETT BERNARD:** Judge Marcum stated that Dr. Bernard and Ms. Glover had contacted him about an issue they were concerned about and he invited them to come before the court to discuss those issues. They both came forward and stated their concerns regarding the Clifty Creek neighborhood and how the boat ramp in the neighborhood had become overrun with cars seeking the nearby cliffs to swim and jump from and those individuals would park their cars everywhere, even in neighbors yards. He asked the court for some help to control the issue. Much discussion ensued with the outcome being the placement of much signage and possibly more patrols from the sheriff's department.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & 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. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the monthly settlement report and accept the pre-approved AE transfers with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**REVIEW AND ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR 2023-2024:** Judge Marcum stated we need to review and adopt the Administrative Code for the next fiscal year. He stated this was something we have to do on an annual basis. Treasurer Blanchet added that there were just a couple minor changes which was to raise the purchasing threshold from \$30,000 to \$40,000 which had been approved by the state legislature. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the Administrative Code with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**PAY PULASKI COUNTY \$13,375.00 FOR REGIONAL SHELTER:** Judge Marcum 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 this is a budgeted item but needs fiscal court approval to pay the bill. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to pay Pulaski County with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**TRANSFER \$453.56 FROM DISPATCH FUND TO AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR ENHANCED MEDICAID:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$453.56 from the 911 Dispatch fund to the Ambulance Service. He stated this was for enhanced Medicaid. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**TRANSFER \$39,099.63 FROM GENERAL FUND TO ROAD FUND/AUCTION PROCEEDS:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$39,099.63 the General fund to the Road fund. He stated this was from the on-line auction we had last month. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Garner seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**PAY RESCUE SQUAD 3,960.73/AUCTION PROCEEDS:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to pay the Rescue Squad \$3,960.73 for their items that were sold at the surplus auction. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to pay the Rescue Squad the funds with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**TOURISM BOARD APPOINTMENT:** Judge Marcum stated he had two Tourism board appointments to make. He stated he wanted to re-appoint David Dyson to his 1<sup>st</sup> full term beginning 7/1/23 to 6/30/26. He also stated he wanted to appoint Eric West to his 1<sup>st</sup> term also beginning 7/1/23 to 6/30/26. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept both of the judge's recommendations with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** Judge Marcum stated he had a couple of library board appointments that were expiring at the end of the month. He stated he wanted to re-appoint Janet Clark for another term beginning 7/1/23 to 6/30/27 as well as Brittany Stephens beginning 7/1/23 to 6/30/27. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the Judge's recommendation on both individuals with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT:** Judge Marcum stated he had a hospital board appointment that was expiring on 6/15/23. He stated he wanted to re-appoint Winfrey Bates for another term beginning 6/16/23 to 6/15/27. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the Judge's recommendation with Magistrate Garner seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 23-05 VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT GRANT:** Judge Marcum stated we had received a grant from DLG for some video arraignment software and we needed to pass the resolution for the grant. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 23-06 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT:** Judge Marcum stated this was a grant the Sheriff's department was seeking to apply for to get some hybrid vehicles as well as some electric vehicles. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**INTER-LOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS:** Judge Marcum explained this agreement was something we did every year with the City of Russell Springs. This agreement is for the purpose of establishing a system of cooperation between the City of Russell Springs and the County of Russell, specifically for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, paving, and/or the creation of roads within the City of Russell Springs and Magisterial District 5. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the agreement with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**COMPLIMENT ADJUSTMENTS:** Judge Marcum stated we needed to make some changes to the county compliment. Treasurer Blanchet added we had to make adjustments on the beginning salary for some positions to become competitive in the marketplace. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the changes in the compliment with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Judge Marcum stated he wanted to advise the court we had submitted a lot of the expenses we incurred from the wind event on March 3, 2023 to FEMA to see if we could get some assistance.

Judge Marcum stated in the packets were 2 estimates for the courthouse steps and pillar repair. He stated the continued deterioration of the steps is creating a hazard with people falling and he wanted to ask the court for approval for him to bid out the project to see if we could get them repaired. Magistrate Garner made a motion to allow the judge to advertise for bids for the repair project with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum asked the court to approve a transfer of \$250,000.00 from the ARPA fund to the jail fund to cover operating expenses. Magistrate Garner made a motion to transfer the fund with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum asked the court to transfer \$33,100.00 from the general fund to the grants fund to pay for the KOHS grant the sheriff's office had received. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated the court had approved the purchase of a dump truck at the last meeting up to \$50,000.00 and the road foreman had found one that cost only \$29,000.00. He went on to state since this truck was quite a bit less than anticipated it would be his suggestion to continue to look for another one. Treasurer Blanchet reminded them the purchase threshold would have to be under the \$30,000.00 in this fiscal year. Magistrate Garner made a motion to purchase a truck under \$40,000.00 if the road foreman could find one. Magistrate Skaggs seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Magistrate Garner stated he would recommend the purchase of a new truck for the ABC department and made that in the form of a motion. Magistrate Skaggs seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated one of his office staff had asked to go from full time to part time. He also stated we had an empty slot for a part time administrative assistant. He went on to state we had looked at the applications on file and recommended we hire Candace Miller full time. Magistrate Garner made a motion to hire Ms. Miller with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Magistrate Garner stated we had received the recycle grant for a paper shredder and a new forklift and the county's share would be done with in-kind.

Magistrate Garner brought up the 911 building project and asked Judge Marcum if he had ever received any information on the specific costs on moving the facility to which he replied he had not. Magistrate Garner made a motion to rescind the motion to build the facility with Magistrate Waddell seconding. Magistrates Garner, Waddell & Wilson & Judge Marcum were in favor, Magistrates Richardson & Skaggs were opposed. With a 4 to 2 count, the motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated the alcohol sales for the prior month was \$3,981.89.

Treasure Blanchet stated we had received the reverse salt auction bids and we needed to approve one. The bids were Morton Salt at \$115.23 per ton; Cargill bid \$115.00 per ton and Compass Mineral at \$169.83 per ton. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the Cargill bid at \$115.00 per ton with Magistrate Garner seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Magistrate Richardson made a motion to give the land back that the City of Russell Springs sold to the county for the 911 building. Magistrate Skaggs seconded the motion. Magistrates Garner, Wilson, Richardson & Skaggs voted favorably with Magistrate Waddell opposed. With a vote of 4 to 1 the motion passed.

**ADJOURN:** With nothing further to discuss, Magistrate Garner made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



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Randy Marcum  
County Judge Executive



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Kim Blanchet  
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk