

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY JUNE 13, 2022  
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday June 13 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 Billy Dunbar.

**MINUTES:** Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the May 9, 2022 regular meeting and CRA/LGEA meeting. Magistrate Holt made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Johnson 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 Waddell 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 \$59.69; Nurse Visits \$71.23; HB 452 (2 checks) \$920.85; HB 556 (3 checks) \$13,173.64; State Inmate Housing \$61,865.16; Old Bills \$56.57; Booking Fees \$1,224.40; Vending Commission \$20.39; Phone Commission \$3,424.79; Reimbursement \$307.88; Per Diem \$2,614.81; Dividend \$459.42; Interest \$48.78; The expenses were \$237,528.20 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$153,096.57). The average inmates for the month was 115. There was 100½ hours overtime. As of today there are 63 state inmates, 2 from Clinton County and 41 from Russell County for a total of 104 inmates. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Chief Deputy Melton provided his report for the month of May. He stated there were 482 calls for service; 41 arrests; 14 mental health transports; 31 Criminal Summons; 111 court paper served; 5993 court security transport miles; 48 vehicle inspections and 9 CCDW permits issued. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**RC SHERIFF 2021 FINAL TAX SETTLEMENT:** Chief Deputy Melton also presented the 2021 Sheriff Local Tax Settlements to the court. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the tax settlements with Magistrate Johnson 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 \$1,882,648.60; Road \$457,959.20; Jail \$376,637.39; LGEA \$4,197.93; ASAP 145,054.72; Grants \$0; Emergency Shelter \$4,168.97; Tourism \$13,724.54; Dispatch \$159,249.46; Airport \$73,942.33; Airport Project \$9,613.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$49,885.97; Airport Terminal \$0.00; ABC \$117,173.48; ARPA \$752,763.54 for a total of \$4,059,120.55. She stated the pre-approved monthly AE transfers were also included in the packet. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to approve the monthly settlement report and accept the pre-approved AE transfers with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING ORDINANCE 22-02 BUDGET AMENDMENT:** Treasurer Fenske read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the budget amendment ordinance with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**BILLY DYKES** – Judge Robertson stated Mr. Dykes had asked to be on the agenda but was not present at the meeting.

**REVIEW AND ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR 2022-2023:** Judge Robertson 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 Fenske added that no changes had been made to the code. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the Administrative Code with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TRANSFER \$3,837.12 FROM DISPATCH FUND TO AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR ENHANCED MEDICAID:**

Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$3,837.12 from the 911 Dispatch fund to the Ambulance Service. He stated this was for enhanced Medicaid. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**PAY PULASKI COUNTY \$13,375.00 FOR REGIONAL SHELTER:**

Judge Robertson 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 Garner made a motion to pay Pulaski County with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**WASTE TIRE GRANT CLOSEOUT – PAY BACK UNUSED FUNDS:**

Judge Robertson stated we needed to close out our waste tire grant for the current fiscal year. He stated we had used \$3,525.25 of the \$4,000.00 dollars so we needed to return the balance of \$474.75 to the state. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to pay back the unused funds with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TOURISM BOARD APPOINTMENT:**

Judge Robertson stated he had some tourism board appointments to fill. He stated Kim Byrom had served her term as the judge's office designee and had decided not to serve another term. He recommended to appoint Whitney Marcum to her first 3 year term beginning 7/1/22 – 6/30/25. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the Judges recommendation with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Judge Robertson stated Randy Baird was the restaurant designee and he had asked to serve another term. Judge Robertson made the recommendation to reappoint Randy Baird as the restaurant designee with his term to begin 7/1/22 – 6/30/25. Magistrate Richardson made the motion to accept the Judges recommendation with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Judge Robertson stated the hotel/motel designee, Heather Weaver was no longer able to serve on the board and he had been given a list of names as their designee. Judge Robertson stated it was his recommendation to appoint Anissa Hammond to serve as the hotel/motel designee and her term to begin 7/1/22 – 6/30/25. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the judge's recommendation to appoint Anissa Hammond and Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

**LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Judge Robertson stated he had a library board appointment that was expiring at the end of the month. He thanked Mr. Stephen Hill who has been on the board for two terms for his service to the board. He then recommended the appointment of Ramie Hutchinson to a first term beginning 7/1/22 – 6/30/26. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the judge's recommendation with Magistrate Johnson seconding.

**RESOLUTION 22-09 KY WILDLANDS:**

Judge Robertson stated he had been contacted awhile back asking for the county's support of the Kentucky Wildlands. He stated it was his recommendation we adopt Resolution 22-09 which supported the effort. Magistrate Holt made the motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION 22-10 KOHS TACTICLE VEHICLE GRANT:**

Judge Robertson stated this resolution was for the Sheriff's office. Treasurer Fenske explained this was necessary for the sheriff's to apply for the grant. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to adopt the resolution with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**INTER-LOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS:**

Judge Robertson 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 Richardson made a motion to accept the agreement with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Judge Robertson stated we had some surplus equipment we needed to sell and he had contacted Josh McKinley who had agreed to help with the sale. He stated the sale would be held at the county road/recycle buildings on Friday July 22, 2022 at 10:00 am.

Judge Robertson also stated a representative from Harp had come to his office to discuss the voting machines and he said the legislature had passed a new bill that allowed counties to purchase new voting equipment and then be reimbursed for it. He went on to state he would be in favor of this as long as we could be reimbursed and he had asked the representative from Harp to provide him something in writing to that effect. Magistrate Garner made a motion to give the authority to the judge to pursue the application for the voting equipment funding with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated Danielle Wilson had signed in to speak to the court. Mrs. Wilson came before the court and provided an update on the bass master's tournament as well as some airtime the county would be getting within the next month or so from WHAS TV news.


Judge Robertson stated Jailer Dunbar had an item to discuss with the court. Jailer Dunbar stated a couple months back he had asked for a change on the compliment to increase the starting pay for his deputies which the court approved. He went on to state unfortunately, this was having an effect on his current deputies because new hires were coming in at a higher wage than some of his existing deputies and he was asking the court to consider raising all his deputies below the wage of \$12.00 per hour to be raised up to \$12.00 per hour. After much discussion amongst the court, Magistrate Waddell made a motion to raise the existing staff under the \$12.00 per hour up to the \$12.00 per hour. No one seconded the motion so the motion died.

Judge Robertson stated the alcohol sales were up a little bit from last month. He stated we collected about \$11,136.60 for the month of April sales which were collected in May. He stated out of that amount the county paid \$2,214.02 to the City of Jamestown for their share of the sales. He also stated the City of Jamestown began on May 1<sup>st</sup> collecting their own ABC regulatory fees so the county will no longer be handling their alcohol sales.


**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION – PER KRS 61.810:** County Attorney Shearer stated he needed a motion to go into Executive session per KRS 61.810. Motion was made by Magistrate Garner with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated he needed a motion to come out of Executive Session and go back to regular session. Motion was made by Magistrate Holt with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Judge Robertson stated no action was taken in executive session.

**ADJOURN:** With nothing further to discuss, Magistrate Holt made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



Gary Robertson  
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske  
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk