

**\RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 13, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday March 13, 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 Charles Edwards.

Judge Marcum asked Brother Edwards to say another prayer for Attorney Don Byrom who has been undergoing treatment in Houston.

Judge Marcum recognized some of the Rescue Squad and Road Department for doing such a great job during the recent wind storm the county had.

MINUTES: Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the February 13, 2023 regular meeting and the Special Called meeting on February 20, 2023. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated he was going to jump out of order from the agenda and stated he would like to ask the court to table the Time Change Application to go to Eastern Time. Magistrate Richardson stated he would like to rescind the request for the petition to change the time completely and did so in a motion. Magistrate Garner made a second to the motion of Magistrate Richardson's motion to rescind the petition to change the time. Judge Marcum's motion died on the floor with no one seconding the motion. All were in favor of Magistrate Richardson's motion, 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 Waddell seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Prescription Co-pay \$391.46; Nurse Visits \$55.33; HB 452 \$286.72; HB 556 (2 checks) \$2,230.00; State Inmate Housing \$84,745.32; Other County Inmate Housing \$1,462.00; Booking Fees \$1,379.32; Fee Claim \$160.97; Vending Commission \$21.83; Phone Commission \$4,184.69; Reimbursement \$531.59; Per Diem \$2,052.87; Interest \$54.77 for a total income of \$97,556.87. The expenses were \$186,655.68 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$89,098.81). The average inmates for the month was 109. There was 282 hours overtime. As of today there are 64 state inmates, 3 from Clinton County and 31 from Russell County for a total of 98 inmates. Jailer Dunbar also presented his 2023-2024 budget for review. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of February. He stated there were 300 calls for service; 25 arrests; 11 Domestic; 12 1045's; 6 1046's; 62 Officer Requests; 8 EMS request assist; 12 mental health transports; 72 court papers served; 4597 court security transport miles; 63 vehicle inspections and 20 CCDW Permits. He stated his office collected \$74,235.37 tax bills from February 1 through February 28. Sheriff Polston also stated they had received 2 bids for the Homeland Security Grant which were from RTS Tactical for \$33,615.36 and from Princip Defense for \$12,800.00 and they were going to award the bid to Precip Defense. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the report and bid with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

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 asked if the court was planning on purchasing a new vehicle for the ABC office. Treasurer Blanchet stated she would put that expense in the 23-24 budget. With no more

comments or questions Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the reports & AE transfers with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

1st READING ORDINANCE 23-02 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. No vote is required until the 2nd reading which will be at the April 10, 2023 meeting.

2ND READING ORDINANCE 23-01 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the budget amendment ordinance with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

2ND READING AMENDED ORDINANCE 19-01: Judge Marcum asked County Attorney Shearer to go over the summary and changes. County Attorney Shearer read the summary and stated the changes were the Occupational Tax would increase by .25% putting it a 1%. He also stated the cap had been adjusted from \$2,500.00 to \$4,000.00 and the last change was that the Sunset Clause, Section 16 had been removed. Judge Marcum asked for a motion to accept the amended ordinance. Magistrate Garner stated he had a constituent in the audience he felt would like to speak to the subject before continuing. Mr. James Gray came before the court and explained his feelings on the issue which were not favorable. He provide his view on other options the county could take. Some of the Magistrates expressed to him they were not for taxes but felt it was their only option. With no further discussion, Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the amended ordinance on Occupational Tax with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

2024 RECURRING EXPENSES: Judge Marcum stated the 2024 recurring expenses are in the packet and it needs to go to DLG for approval so it can be a part of the actual budget. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the 2024 recurring expenses with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

TRANSFER \$3,360.68 FROM 911 TO AMBULANCE FOR ENHANCED MEDICAID: Judge Marcum stated this was where the state was putting the Ambulance's money for Enhanced Medicaid into the 911 account and had to be paid to the Ambulance Service. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS: Judge Marcum stated he had some appointments he needed to make. He stated he wanted to reappoint County Treasurer Kim Blanchet for the next term beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to approve the Judge's appointment of Kim Blanchet with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated he needed to make a hospital board appointment. He recommended the appointment of Stuart Carmen to his second term. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the recommendation with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated he needed to make 2 Industrial Board appointments. He stated one was a reappointment of Clint Voils and the other was a new appointment of Greg Redmond replacing Rodney Johnson. He asked the courts approval for his recommendation of those 2 appointments. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the judges recommendations with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated he would like to appoint Kim Blanchet as the ABC Deputy Administrator since she has been doing all the paperwork associated with that job. He asked for a motion for that recommendation. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to accept the judge's appointment with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

CLOSE DFC GRANT ACCOUNT: Judge Marcum stated this grant has been closed for quite some time and the account has been dormant for about 8 or so years. Treasurer Blanchet stated the account balance was \$12,101.21 and she had spoken with the folks that administrated the grant and they said it was completely closed out on their end. She then went on to state she had spoken with an auditor and they had recommended closing the account and moving the funds into the general account. Magistrate Garner made a motion to close the account and transfer the funds to the general account with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

INTER-LOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH LCADD: Judge Marcum stated there was an interlocal agreement in the packets and this is something we have done before with the ADD district along with the other 10 counties for workforce development. He asked for a motion to sign the agreement. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the agreement with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION – PER KRS 61.810: Judge Marcum stated he needed a motion to go into Executive Session per KRS 61.810 for possible litigation. Magistrate Garner made a motion to go into Executive Session with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to come out of Executive Session with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed. Judge Marcum stated there was no action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Judge Marcum stated we needed to take in Tanglewood Court in District 1 into the county road system. Magistrate Waddell made the motion to take the road in with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

Magistrate Garner stated he wanted us to advertise for personnel for the Litter Abatement grant and if this needed a motion he would do so. Judge Marcum stated we would be able to start the advertisement process without the motion.

Judge Marcum also stated the ABC stats.

Judge Marcum also brought up the fact we had a lot of items we needed to have a surplus auction on. He stated he wanted to try to see if we could do this as an on-line auction. Magistrate Garner made a motion to allow the judge to set the sale up, set the date and chose the best vendor for the job and bring the info back at next month's meeting. Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

Judge Marcum also stated we needed to advertise the acreage of the land fill to see if anyone wanted to lease it for hay.

ADJOURN: Magistrate Wilson a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Randy Marcum
County Judge Executive



Kim Blanchet
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk