

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 14, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday March 14, 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 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 Joe Gosser.

MINUTES: Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the February 14, 2022 regular meeting. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Garner 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 Richardson made a motion to pay the bills with Magistrate Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Prescription Co-pay \$205.53; Nurse Visits \$62.71; HB 452 (2 checks) \$607.07; HB 556 \$50.00; State Inmate Housing \$58,731.16; Social Security Payment \$400.00; Other County Inmate Housing \$8,015.89; Booking Fees \$943.09; Old Bills \$20.00; Vending Commission \$24.68; Phone Commission \$3,051.10; Reimbursement \$444.06; ARPA HB556 SEC 15 \$38,787.43; Per Diem \$3,758.44; Interest \$63.62 for a total income of \$115,164.78. The expenses were \$165,063.48 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$49,898.70). The average inmates for the month was 102. There was 31 ¼ hours overtime. As of today there are 68 state inmates, 2 from Clinton County and 31 from Russell County for a total of 101 inmates. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Jailer Dunbar also presented the Detention Center Fiscal Year Budget 22-23 for the courts review. Judge Robertson stated the presented budget would be incorporated into the full fiscal court budget and would be voted on at that time.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided his report for the month of February. He stated there were 345 calls for service; 24 arrests; 13 mental health transports; 10 Criminal Summons; 51 court paper served; 1,080 court security transport miles; and 56 vehicle inspections. He stated his office collected \$197,329.27 tax bills from February 1 through February 28. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the report with Magistrate Holt 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 \$1,606,319.45; Road \$387,126.42; Jail \$657,291.28; LGEA \$5,922.45; ASAP \$137,718.50; Grants \$0; Emergency Shelter \$3,960.89; Tourism \$13,413.90; Dispatch \$200,638.75; Airport \$109,606.27; Airport Project \$9,613.21; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board 36,637.04; Airport Terminal \$0.00; ABC \$106,361.18; ARPA \$1,220,109.60 for a total of \$4,506,890.12. Treasurer Fenske stated all accounts were reconciled and in balance. 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 Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

FISCAL COURT 20-21 AUDIT: Judge Robertson stated the court had received the final audit for fiscal year 20-21 and was pleased to announce there were no findings on the audit. He complimented his staff and Treasurer Fenske on a job well done. Treasurer Fenske stated the audit results had been published in the newspaper as is required. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the final audit with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

TRANSFER STATION CONTRACT AGREEMENT RENEWAL: Judge Robertson stated the transfer station agreement was up for renewal in April. He stated Morgan Sanitation had sent a letter requesting to renew the contract for an additional 5 year period which is permissible per the terms of the agreement. He went on to recommend renewing the agreement. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the Judge's recommendation and renew the agreement with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

CLOSURE OF TUTT DRIVE: Judge Robertson stated at last month's meeting it had been brought before the court to close Tutt Drive and remove it from the county road system. He stated a letter had been received by the resident requesting the closure. He stated the notice of closure had been published in the paper, the signs had been posted and the 2 independent viewers had also attested there would be no issues with the closure. Magistrate Garner made a motion to close and remove Tutt Drive in District 2 CR 1815 from the county road list with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Judge Robertson asked Emergency Management Director Ashley Coffey if she wanted to speak to the court about the Weather Spotters Class. Director Coffey explained the weather spotter's class had always been at the courthouse in the past but due to Covid 19, the last couple years the class had been held virtually. She indicated this year's class would also be held virtually and for those interested the 3 classes will be held on March 14th & March 29th at 6:30 pm and on March 31st at 1:30 pm. She stated for registration and more information for folks to see the emergency management Facebook page.

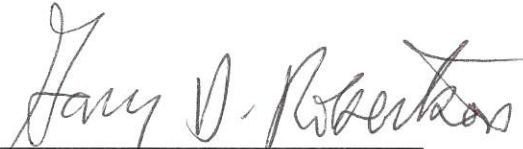
Judge Robertson asked if there were any developments from the recycle or road quarterly meetings that were held prior to the fiscal court meeting. Magistrate Johnson stated it was discussed to pursue looking for another goose neck trailer to haul the backhoe on. He also stated the current trailer was just worn out. Judge Robertson asked if this was for the recycle department or the road department and was informed it was for the road department. He suggested checking at the state surplus to which Magistrate Garner replied they had done that already. The dimensions were discussed and monetary limits and it was decided to pursue looking for a 28 to 32 foot trailer and get quotes and then they would discuss the costs at that time. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to proceed with the search for the trailer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Magistrate Holt stated there was also discussion at the road committee meeting the vacancy at the road department and the need with mowing season upon us to get it filled. Judge Robertson stated we could let folks know of the vacancy and accept applications for the next 30 days. He also reminded the court that road department personnel must have their CDL. Treasurer Fenske stated she would share the vacancy on the Fiscal Court Face Book page.

Judge Robertson provided the court with the alcohol sales collected. He stated sales were down and we had collected \$6,457.06 for the month of January sales and of that amount we had paid \$1,168.87 to the City of Jamestown for their portion of the sales. He also mentioned that beginning in May the City of Jamestown would begin collecting their own alcohol regulatory fees.

Judge Robertson stated we had some road changes. Treasure Fenske stated the first change was on Johns Road in District 3 and this change was only in road length. She stated we are updating the length from 0.425 to 0.367. Magistrate Johnson stated the 0.367 was all that was being maintained. He made a motion to accept the road length change with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous. Treasurer Fenske stated the second change was removing Lakeside Place in District 1 from the county road list. She stated originally the road was named Lawless Road and all addresses still showed Lawless Road. The assumption was when the land was developed into the Lakeside Subdivision, the road name was changed to Lakeside Place. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to remove Lakeside Place from the county road list. Magistrate Garner seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

ADJOURN: Magistrate Holt made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



Gary Robertson
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk