

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

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday November 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 Shearer and County Treasurer Kim Blanchet.

WELCOME, OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE: Judge Marcum welcomed those present and Brother Delvin Wilson led the prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: Judge Marcum presented the minutes from the October 9, 2023, regular meeting. Magistrate Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes with Magistrate Skaggs 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 Waddell seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

DETENTION CENTER REPORT: Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Local Corrections Assist \$7,796.24; Prescription Co-pay \$311.02; Nurse Visits \$94.79; HB 452 \$435.24; HB 556 \$140.00; State Inmate Housing \$59,689.26; Social Security \$400.00; HB 413 \$1,824.77; Clinton Co Inmate Housing \$7,772.44; Booking Fees \$1,774.56; Vending Commission \$16.29; Phone Commission \$2,680.40; Reimbursement (2 checks) \$688.40; Per Diem \$1,770.49; Interest \$36.66; Transfer from General \$140,025.00; for a total income of \$225,455.56. The expenses were \$531,336.39 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$305,880.83). The average inmates for the month were 105. There was 45¼ hours overtime. As of today, there are 57 state inmates, 9 from Clinton County and 45 from Russell County for a total of 111 inmates. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Polston provided the sheriff's report for the month of October. He stated there were 328 911 calls for service; 21 arrests; 11 Domestic; 12 1045's; 3 1046's; 36 Traffic Stops; 24 Request for Officer; 221 Other Requests; 72 Court Papers Served; 99 Prisoner Transports; 2421 Court Security Miles; 69 Vehicle Inspections; 34 CCDW Permits and \$8,846,768.66 collected in Real Property tax. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the sheriff's report with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & PRE-APPROVED AE TRANSFERS: Judge Marcum stated the treasurer's reports 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.

TRANSFER \$907.12 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 Waddell made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

TRANSFER \$250,000.00 FROM GENERAL TO JAIL FOR OPERATING EXPENSES: Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$250,000.00 from general to the jail account for normal operating expenses. Magistrate Garner made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

TRANSFER \$6,000.00 FROM AIRPORT PROJECT TO AIRPORT GENERAL: Judge Marcum stated we needed to transfer \$6,000.00 from airport project account to the airport general account for grant reimbursement. Magistrate Skaggs made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

1st READING ORDINANCE 23-07 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 December 11, 2023 meeting.

2ND READING ORDINANCE 23-06 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Treasurer Blanchet read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to accept the budget amendment ordinance with Magistrate Garner seconding. All were in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 23-13 LCADD HAZARD MITIGATION: Judge Marcum stated the LCADD asked the court to adopt their Hazard Mitigation Resolution. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-13 with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

RESOLUTION 23-14 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR GRANT: Judge Marcum stated Susan Melton was applying for a grant and as part of the grant process the court needed to adopt Resolution 23-14. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-14 with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

RESCUE SQUAD AFFILIATION AGREEMENT: Judge Marcum stated there was an Affiliation Agreement in the packet for the Rescue Squad and there was some language that was changed in it to allow them to apply for certain grants as well as to allow them to perform certain tasks in which they are trained. Judge Marcum asked the court to allow him to sign off on the agreement. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to accept the language change and allow Judge Marcum to sign the agreement with Magistrate Skaggs seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Chris Money, Chief of the Rescue Squad came before the court and explained about a search the rescue squad had been asked to help in at Garrard County. He stated there had been a couple of searches conducted before they were asked to assist. He went on to state that within one hour of the Russell County Rescue Squad being on scene they were able to locate the remains of the missing person. Chief Money went on to read a letter of appreciation from Garrard County for their assistance and willingness to assist.

QUINN SHIREMAN – HALLOWEEN HAVOC EVENT: Judge Marcum asked Tourism Director Danielle Wilson and Quinn Shireman to come forward and tell the court about the Halloween Havoc Event. Tourism Director Wilson spoke to the court along with Quinn Shireman and stated the event was a huge success and as promised from the Event Coordinator checks were distributed to the PTO's of all the local schools. Both Tourism Director Wilson along with Event Sponsor Shireman stated they hoped to be able to do another event next spring and possibly again next fall.

DANIELLE WILSON – RC TOURISM – ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR 2022: Tourism Director Wilson presented the economic impact of the tourism dollars for the county for 2022. She stated that again, Russell County was doing great and expected it to continue in the coming years.

ROAD CHANGES: Judge Marcum stated there were several road changes which were all in District 2 which were from the new 127 bypass going through. He stated the other 2 roads were in District 3. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept all the road changes with Magistrate Wilson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POSSIBLE LITIGATION – PER KRS 61.810: Judge Marcum asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Motion was made by Garner with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Motion was made by Magistrate Garner and seconded by Magistrate Wilson to come out of Executive Session. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed. No action was taken.

County Shearer asked for a motion to allow the county attorney to seek damages on Antle Road on behalf of the county. He stated there had been no response to the letters his office had sent. Magistrate Garner made a motion to allow the county attorney to seek damages for Antle Road and file suit if necessary with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

ARTWORKS EASEMENT: Judge Marcum stated in the packet was an easement for Artworks. He stated a few months back the court had given them an easement to do a sewer line and now they were asking for an easement to build a

road. He stated they would be paying for the road but just needed the court to provide the easement. Magistrate Garner made a motion to allow the easement with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS: Judge Marcum asked Coroner Coots to come up and tell the court about a vehicle he had found. He went on to state he had found a vehicle that would meet the needs of his office. He stated he had found a 2015 Dodge Caravan that has front wheel drive and only has 21,000 miles on it. He stated the cost was \$13,000.00 and asked the court to approve that purchase and to write the check to Alan Gosser Auto Sales. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to purchase & pay for the vehicle with Magistrate Richardson seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.


Judge Marcum stated he had spoken to Rich Ornstein and a judge regarding the process of advertising for bids. He explained to the court how we lose the timing of 30 days from when the court votes to allow the bid advertisement versus when the bids are actually accepted or rejected. He went on to ask the court to allow him and the office to request for bids on projects and then bring those bids back to the court to accept or reject. Magistrate Garner made a motion to allow this change in process with Magistrate Waddell seconding. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated he needed to bring up an issue regarding the Inter-Local 911 agreement between the county, the ambulance board and the two cities. He stated both the City of Russell Springs along with the City of Jamestown had amended the agreement to only pay the county \$25,000 per year for dispatch support instead of the agreement amount of \$35,000.00. He went on to state unfortunately that puts it as the county's burden to bear. He stated most of the calls for assistance come from within both of the cities, so we were going to have to come up with a plan to figure out how best to handle this. There was discussion on having each city to handle their own calls for fire, emergencies and assistance as well as other discussions on how to recoup the money. There was more discussion on different ways to try to recoup the money lost from the cities for reducing their share.

Magistrate Garner stated since we didn't build the new 911 center he felt we needed to allocate some of the ARPA funds to address the space issues at the 911 center in the EMS building. He stated he felt we needed to get with the 911 board and the ambulance board to see what could be done. He also stated that may mean building on to the existing building or moving walls but something needed to be done. He made a motion to allocate up to \$300,000.00 of the ARPA money for this project. Magistrate Skaggs seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.

Judge Marcum stated we had received \$13,728.56 from alcohol sales for the month of October which was collected in September.

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 6:36 p.m.



Randy Marcum
County Judge Executive



Kim Blanchet
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk