

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

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday November 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, 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 Anthony Carnes.

**MINUTES:** Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the October 10, 2022 regular meeting. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to approve all the minutes with Magistrate Richardson 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 Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**DETENTION CENTER REPORT:** Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Corrections Assist \$7,519.51 Prescription Co-pay \$339.31; Nurse Visits \$123.02; HB 452 \$492.21; HB 556 (3 checks) \$7,190.00; DUI Fees \$1,029.65; State Inmate Housing \$74,284.68; HB 413 \$1,865.12; Traffic School \$144.69; Clinton Co Inmate Housing \$2,939.02; Booking Fees \$1,766.12; Vending Commission \$30.67; Phone Commission \$3,940.73; Reimbursement \$486.67; Per Diem \$2,181.87; Interest \$63.95; Transfer from General \$379,479.00 for a total income of \$483,876.22. The expenses were \$544,562.41 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$60,686.19). The average inmates for the month was 121. There was 20¾ hours overtime. As of today there are 74 state inmates, 3 from Clinton County and 41 from Russell County for a total of 118 inmates. Magistrate Holt made a motion to accept the detention center report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Sheriff Polston provided the sheriff's report for the month of October. He stated there were 359 911 calls for service; 23 arrests; 26 mental health transports; 24 criminal summons; 119 court paper served; and 4,810 court security transport miles; 22 vehicle inspections and 18 CCDW permits. Sheriff Polston stated his office had collected \$8,438,628.28 in property taxes during the month of October. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the sheriff's report with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY SETTLEMENT REPORT & PRE-APPROVED AE TRANSFERS:** Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,224,657.33; Road \$840,522.20; Jail \$399,087.17; LGEA \$10,203.32; ASAP \$148,569.36; Grants \$0.00; Emergency Shelter \$3,854.68; Tourism \$17,167.17; Dispatch \$169,686.89; Airport \$282,934.83; Airport Project \$115,505.23; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$74,959.84; Airport Terminal Project \$0; ABC \$92,602.64; ARPA \$2,657,734.87; Clerk Storage Fee \$0 for a total of \$6,049,286.87. Treasurer Fenske stated all accounts were reconciled and in balance. She also stated the pre-approved monthly AE transfers were included in the packet. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the monthly settlement report and accept the AE transfers with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING ORDINANCE 22-03 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.

**TRANSFER \$1,918.56 FROM DISPATCH TO AMBULANCE SERVICE – ENHANCED MEDICAID PAYMENT:** Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$1,918.56 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 Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**REVIEW BIDS FOR NEW 911 BUILDING FACILITY:** Judge Robertson stated Mr. Steve Harris from Precision Engineering was present and would review the bids received. Mr. Harris came before the court and stated 4 bids had been

received. The bids submitted were Mann Construction at \$618,000.00; BCD Construction at \$653,890.00; Branscum Construction at \$624,800.00 and Hargis General Contracting at \$544,900.00. Mr. Harris went on to state there had been some misunderstanding on the documents that were to be included with the bid and that all bids would put the project over budget. He recommended we reject all these bids and advertise again. Magistrate Garner made the motion to go with the recommendation of rejecting the submitted bids and re-advertise again. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

Magistrate Garner asked a question of the 911 Director Robert Baugh asking if the building and the movement of equipment of the 911 center would need to be approved by the state. Director Baugh stated the NCIC portal would have to be approved by the State Police before they would ever recognize it as a dispatch center. Judge Robertson interjected the County Attorney handles all the compliance issues for NCIC/Link and the center for the fiscal court. County Attorney Shearer stated he felt this would be more of a formality to notify the state on the location of the building and he could look into that. 911 Director Baugh stated he had been in discussions with KSP and had been informed they would need to look over and approve the plans. Magistrate Garner then asked the question to 911 Director Baugh if he knew approximately how much it would cost to move all the existing equipment over to the new facility to which Direction Baugh said he didn't know and really didn't know even who to ask. County Attorney Shearer stated he would guess we should start with the folks that put in the CAD & terminal system. He also suggested the 911 Board meet and get in touch with those folks to get that information.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING DISCONTINUANCE OF PORTION OF SIMPSON ROAD:** Judge Robertson stated we had started the process of closing a portion of Simpson Road (0.085 mile or 448 feet) at the October Fiscal Court meeting. He went on to state, the court had completed the process of advertising the portion of closure as well as posting the required signs and had the photos of the posted signs so the process could now be completed for the closure. Magistrate Holt made a motion to close the last portion of Simpson Road CR-1342L 0.085 mile or 448 feet. Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.


**ROAD CHANGES:** Judge Robertson stated we had some road changes. Treasurer Fenske stated there was a discrepancy in our road list from the audit of the ADD office road list. She went on to state our road list showed Hudson Road in District 4 which was not a valid road and this had been discovered during the ADD office road audit. She stated it was CR-1386 and was 0.2050 miles in length but it needed to be removed from the county road list because it wasn't a road at all. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to remove it from the road list with Magistrate Garner seconding.

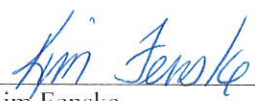
Magistrate Garner stated he had been contacted from the homeowner of all surrounding property of J. Reeder Lane and they were requesting the road be closed and no longer maintained by the county. He made a motion to show this as being the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the road closure with the second reading being held at the next fiscal court meeting in December when all the proper procedures had been completed. Magistrate Johnson seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Judge Robertson stated the alcohol sales were down a bit from last month. He stated we collected about \$12,493.92 for the month of September sales which were collected in October.

**ADJOURN:** With nothing further to discuss, Magistrate Johnson made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Garner seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

  
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Gary Robertson  
County Judge Executive

  
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Kim Fenske  
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk