

**RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY OCTOBER 10, 2022  
5:30 P.M.**

The Russell County Fiscal Court held their regular monthly meeting on Monday October 10, 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 Jailer Dunbar.

**MINUTES:** Judge Robertson presented the minutes from the September 12, 2022 regular meeting and the called meeting on September 27, 2022. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve all the minutes with Magistrate Waddell 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 Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**DETENTION CENTER REPORT:** Jailer Dunbar read the jail report as follows: Prescription Co-pay \$315.60; Nurse Visits \$56.68; HB 452 \$406.75; HB 556 (2 checks) \$4,588.00; State Inmate Housing \$73,507.20; Clinton Co Inmate Housing \$6,001.61; Old Bills \$69.75; Booking Fees \$2,332.89; Vending Commission \$19.14; Phone Commission \$3,379.44; Reimbursement \$464.20; Per Diem \$2,089.43; Interest \$52.25 for a total income of \$93,282.94. The expenses were \$190,660.20 which makes a difference of income and expenses (\$97,377.26). The average inmates for the month was 112. There was 1 hour overtime. As of today there are 71 state inmates, 2 from Clinton County and 46 from Russell County for a total of 117 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 was absent from the meeting so Treasurer Fenske provided the sheriff's report for the month of September. She stated there were 435 911 calls for service; 30 arrests; 14 mental health transports; 15 Criminal Summons; 95 court paper served; and 5,178 court security transport miles; 42 vehicle inspections & 22 CCDW permits. She also stated the tax bills had been sent out and if folks hadn't received theirs yet they needed to call the Sheriff's office. Magistrate Garner made a motion to accept the sheriff's report with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY & QUARTERLY SETTLEMENT REPORTS & PRE-APPROVED AE**

**TRANSFERS:** Treasurer Fenske read the totals of each fund: General \$1,578,796.00; Road \$559,434.15; Jail \$459,773.36; LGEA \$11,416.76; ASAP \$151,618.96; Grants \$0.00; Emergency Shelter \$4,426.43; Tourism \$22,347.80; Dispatch \$197,751.81; Airport \$288,502.36; Airport Project \$612,587.79; DFC \$12,101.21; Airport Board \$64,150.78; Airport Terminal Project \$0; ABC \$113,098.60; ARPA \$2,503,385.73 for a total of \$6,579,391.74. Treasurer Fenske stated all accounts were reconciled and in balance and all reports had been uploaded to DLG. She also stated the pre-approved monthly AE transfers were included in the packet. Magistrate Garner made a motion to approve the monthly & quarterly settlement reports and accept the AE transfers with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING ORDINANCE 22-03 BUDGET AMENDMENT:** Treasurer Fenske read the ordinance which was for unbudgeted receipts. No vote is required until the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading which will be at the November 14, 2022 meeting.

**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 Johnson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**TRANSFER \$379,479.00 FROM GENERAL FUND TO JAIL FUND AS BUDGETED:** Judge Robertson stated we needed to transfer \$379,479.00 from the General fund to the Jail fund as budgeted. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to do the transfer with Magistrate Holt seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION 22-14 ARPA DUO-COUNTY BROADBAND PROJECT:** Judge Robertson stated back last year Duo County had come before the court and asked the court to commit some of its ARPA funds to supply broadband to the Jabez community. He went on to state the court had voted at that time to allocate \$250,000.00 to the project and Duo County would be handling the rest of the costs. He said since these were ARPA funds we needed to pass this Resolution 22-14. Magistrate Johnson made the motion to adopt the Resolution 22-14 with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION 22-15 KY DEFERRED COMP JOINDER AGREEMENT:** Judge Robertson stated we had another resolution we needed to adopt. This resolution was in support of the KY Deferred Comp program the court maintains for our employees. Treasurer Fenske stated this is a document that stays on file as long as we are offering the program and it was just a renewal that had been sent to the court by KY Deferred Comp. Magistrate Garner made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-15 with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION 22-16 KOHS BODY ARMOR GRANT APPLICATION:** Judge Robertson stated we had another resolution we needed to adopt. Treasurer Fenske stated this resolution was for the Sheriff's office and was just a part of the application process for the grant. Magistrate Waddell made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-16 with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION 22-17 ARPA LOSS OF REVENUE/ROAD PROJECT:** Judge Robertson stated this was another resolution to commit some of the ARPA funds the county was claiming as loss of revenue and this would be used for some road projects. He went on to state the state legislators had taken a significant amount of money out of the state transportation cabinet's funding and he suspected the county would not receive any funding for discretionary road projects. He also stated he had sent in for several roads and asked for discretionary funding but hadn't heard anything back yet from the state. He recommended we pass this resolution and commit the funds needed for the projects from the ARPA fund. The roads covered under this resolution were Yellow Apple Ridge Road; Melson Ridge Road; Redmon Road; View Point Road; Sharon Ann Road; Campground Road and Delphia Street. The amount needed for these projects was estimated at \$610,400.00 at the current price per ton of asphalt at \$109.00 per ton for 5,600 tons. Magistrate Holt made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-17 with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

**JAIL & ABC TRUCKS:** Judge Robertson stated back in the spring we had discussed purchasing 2 trucks, one for ABC and one for the detention center. He stated money had been budgeted and the truck for the detention center is still being made but the truck for ABC had been delivered last week. He went on to state the old ABC truck would go to the Sheriff's office and they in turn would turn over to the fiscal court one of their older trucks which would go to the road department. Magistrate Garner asked if the truck could go to the recycling department instead of the road department. Judge Robertson replied it would be up to the discretion of the court. Magistrate Garner made a motion make the purchase and to give the old ABC truck to the Sheriff's department and have the Sheriff's office turn over their old truck to the recycling department he also motioned for the approval to purchase the truck being built for the detention center. Magistrate Waddell seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Judge Robertson stated he had met with the engineering firm that was handling the new 911 building design and bid process and stated he had copies of the plans if anyone wanted to look at them. He went on to state the engineering firm would be holding a pre-bid meeting on October 27, 2022 at the job site and then a bid opening on November 10, 2022 with bid award at our regular meeting on November 14, 2022. He stated the engineering firm would be placing the ad in the papers as well as other sites for the RFP.

Judge Robertson stated he had also spoken with the firm that is handling the solar project and stated they will be doing so road and asphalt work in preparation of the construction phase.

Judge Robertson stated we had found out last week about some other ARPA funding the county was eligible for. This money comes from the Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Fund. Treasurer Fenske stated she had filed the

appropriate paperwork to the Treasury Portal and requested the money which was \$151,629.00 for this year and she expected to receive those funds within the next month or so. She also stated the next installment would come in January which would be for the same amount. In total the county's allocation of these funds is \$303,258.24. Magistrate Holt asked if these funds were ear marked for anything specific to which Judge Robertson replied the money would go into the ARPA account and could be used for any governmental purpose.

Judge Robertson stated we had a voting machine issue and stated the county had voted a couple of months ago to allow the County Clerk to apply for a grant to purchase new voting machines. Unfortunately, there seemed to be a communication error because the voting machines were delivered within one week of that approval to apply for the grant. The county has now received an invoice for the total amount which was \$203,931.00 which is not what the court approved. Judge Robertson went on to state he had spoken with the owner of Harp (the company who delivered the machines) and they had come to a resolution for the situation. Harp will take back some of the machines since none have been used yet and will leave the remaining machines which will cost \$127,621.00. He also stated once we pay for the machines then we have the ability to apply for the grant which if awarded, would provide the county a reimbursement for approximately \$40,000.00 for the purchase of the machines. Magistrate Richardson made a motion to pay the invoice for the voting machines in the amount of \$127,621.00 with Magistrate Garner seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated the alcohol sales were down quite a bit from last month. He stated we collected \$10,196.14 for the month of August sales which were collected in September.

Judge Robertson stated Patti Glover, Russell County Clerk needed to speak to the court about amending her budget and maximum salary schedule for her deputies. Ms. Glover came before the court and stated she needed to amend her payroll budget because they had paid out several employees and they had accumulated a lot of overtime. Treasurer Fenske asked for the paperwork for the changes and Ms. Glover replied she would get them to her tomorrow. Judge Robertson asked what the changes were and Ms. Glover stated she was changing the maximum salary schedules for her deputy's from \$300,000.00 to \$390,000.00. Magistrate Garner asked if this change would be on-going or was it just for the current year to which she replied it was just for the remainder of this calendar year and she hoped it would go back down next year. Magistrate Garner made a motion to change the maximum salary schedule for deputies from \$300,000.00 to \$390,000.00 for calendar year 2022. Magistrate Richardson seconded the motion. The roll call was unanimous.

Judge Robertson stated there were some road changes. Treasurer Fenske stated 3 of the changes were just name changes to match the 911 addresses. She stated they were as follows:

South Ridge Estates changed name to Judy Circle, District 5 & 0.1480 miles in length. Magistrate Holt made a motion to change the name with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

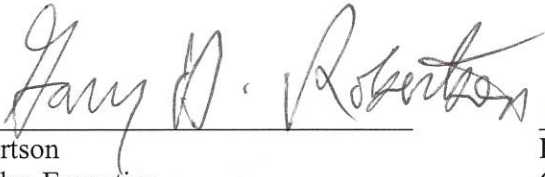
J.W. Harris Road changed name to N J.W. Harris Road, District 3 & 0.2630 mile in length. Also J.W. Harris Road to S J.W. Harris Road, District 3 & 2.3240 miles in length. Magistrate Johnson made a motion to make the name changes with Magistrate Richardson seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

Sunset Loop in District 2, 0.1650 mile in length, was being requested by homeowners to be taken into the county road system. Magistrate Garner made a motion to take it into the county road system with Magistrate Waddell seconding. The roll call was unanimous.

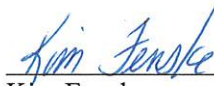
Magistrate Holt stated he had been contacted by a homeowner about closing a portion of Simpson Road. He went on to state homeowner Michael Williams had provided the documentation to show he was the only homeowner that would be affected by the closure and asked the court to start the process. He also stated the county will keep 0.135 mile and the closure would only affect the last 0.085 mile of Simpson Road. Judge Robertson stated this would be considered as the first reading of the road discontinuance.

Judge Robertson asked Coroner Coots if he wanted to speak about the grant he had applied for. Mr. Coots stated he had applied for a grant through KACo for safety equipment and he was hoping to be able to purchase some stretchers that will work for the new cooler which will enable him to more easily and safely move bodies when needed.

**ADJOURN:** With nothing further to discuss, Magistrate Garner made a motion to adjourn with Magistrate Johnson seconding. All was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Gary Robertson  
County Judge Executive



Kim Fenske  
County Treasurer & Fiscal Court Clerk